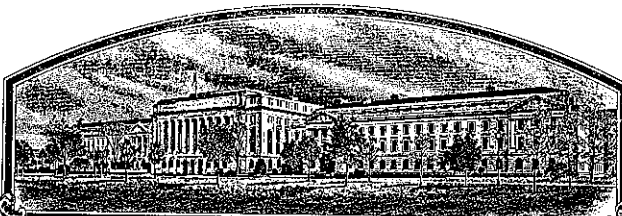


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9500278

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Asgrow Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A4341'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Attest:

Marsha A. Skonto

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Samuel J. Chikuma

Secretary of Agriculture

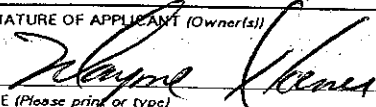

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate)		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER		3. VARIETY NAME	
Asgrow Seed Company		XP4341		A4341	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)		5. TELEPHONE (include area code)		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9500278 DATE Aug 15, 1995 FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE 2450.00 DATE Aug 14, 1995 CERTIFICATION FEE 300.00 DATE May 23, 1997	
2605 E. Kilgore Road Kalamazoo, MI 49002		(616) 384-5548			
6. FAX (include area code)		6. FAMILY NAME (Botanical)			
(616) 384-5652		Leguminosae			
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME		8. CROP KIND NAME (Common name)			
Glycine Max		Soybean			
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)					
Corporation					
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION			12. DATE OF INCORPORATION		
Delaware			March 22, 1968		
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS					
Wayne L. Hoener Asgrow Seed Company 7089-248-24 2605 E. Kilgore Road Kalamazoo, MI 49002			Dr. Alan Walker Asgrow Seed Company 5926 E US HWY 14 Janesville, WI 53546		
14. TELEPHONE (include area code)					
(608) 755-1777					
15. FAX (include area code)					
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)					
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act?)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 20)					
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?			19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			<input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED		
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate.					
The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.					
Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))		
					
NAME (Please print or type)			NAME (Please print or type)		
Wayne L. Hoener			Alan K. Walker		
CAPACITY OR TITLE		DATE		CAPACITY OR TITLE	
Soybean Product Manager		8/6/95		Director of Soybean Research	
				8-25-95	

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EXHIBIT A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF A4341

1988 - Cross made in 1988.
Parentage: A3935/X4413

1988-89 - F1 and F2 generations grown at Isabella, Puerto Rico.

1989 - F3 population grown at Stonington, Illinois. Three-hundred plants selected from bulk population and threshed individually.

1989-90 - Progeny row IP880201 CH90-01512Rk grown in Chile and (winter) selected for its uniformity and standability. The row was harvested in bulk and seed coat luster and hilum color noted. In April 1990, IP880201 CH90-01512Rk was determined to be a stable, unique line.

1990 - IP880201 CH90-01512Rk was entered in a Preliminary IV Yield Test and grown at Stonington, Illinois, Evansville, Indiana, and Queenstown, Maryland. CH90-01512Rk was tested for Phytophthora root rot resistance and found to be resistant to race 1.

1991 - IP880201 CH90-01512Rk was entered into the S402 Strain Yield Test grown at 8 locations including: Belleville, Carrollton, and Stonington, Illinois; Evansville, Indiana; and Chestertown, Linkwood, Queenstown, and Snow Hill, Maryland.

IP880201 CH90-01512Rk was selected for it's yield and standability and assigned the experimental designation XR4341.

1992 - XR4341 was entered in advanced yield tests grown at 13 locations across the midwest.

XR4341 was tested for Phytophthora root rot resistance and found to be resistant to races 1-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-18, 21, 24.

Breeder Seed of XR4341 grown at Stonington, IL. and Queenstown, MD.

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Exhibit A continued...

XR4341 was selected for it's yield and standability and renamed XP4341.

1993 - XP4341 was entered in advanced yield tests grown at 16 locations.

Foundation Seed of XP4341 was produced at Perry, IA.

XP4341 was nominated for release and production and designated A4341.

A4341 is uniform and stable within commercially acceptable limits based on trial observations since its development in 1990. As with other soybean varieties, variants can occur for almost any trait during the course of repeated sexual reproduction.

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EXHIBIT B

NOVELTY STATEMENT CONCERNING A4341 SOYBEAN

To our knowledge the soybean varieties that most closely resemble A4341 are A4595, P9442, CX411, and CX434. Characteristics which differentiate A4341 include, but are not restricted to the following:

	<u>Flower</u> <u>Color</u>	<u>Pod</u> <u>Color</u>	<u>a</u> <u>PRR</u>
A4341	Purple	Brown	Rps1k
A4595	White	Tan	Rps1a
P9442	Purple	Tan	rps
CX411	White	Tan	Rps1k
CX434	Purple	Tan	Rps1k

a.) Gene for resistance to Phytophthora megasperma f.sp. glycinea.

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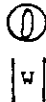
EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Asgrow Seed Company	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP4341	VARIETY NAME A4341
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 9638--190-23 Gull Road Bldg. 190 Kalamazoo, MI 49001		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9500278

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)

3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)

4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP^{1a})2 = Type B (SP^{1b})

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 31 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 7

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐ 0Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

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☐ 0

Race 1

☐ 0

Race 2

☐ 0

Race 3

☐ 0

Race 4

☐ 0

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 0Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

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☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 0Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
- ☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 2 Race 1 ☐ 2 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 2 Race 4 ☐ 2 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 2 Race 7
- ☐ 2 Race 8 ☐ 2 Race 9 ☐ 2 Other (Specify) 10-11 13-15 17, 18 21, 24

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 1 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 1 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A3322	Seed Coat Luster	A3935
Leaf Shape	A3322	Seed Size	A3935
Leaf Color	A3935	Seed Shape	A3935
Leaf Size	A4595	Seedling Pigmentation	A3935

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A4341 Submitted	147	1.6	97	7.5	11	41.4	20.6	15.8	3
A4595 Name of Similar Variety	148	2.8	106	7.5	12	41.5	20.4	15.4	3

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EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

A4341 is an early group IV cultivar that possesses outstanding and consistent yields relative to other cultivars of similar maturity. A4341 combines the Rps_1^k gene for Phytophthora resistance with excellent standability and emergence.

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EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

A4341 was originated and developed by Craig K. Moots, Ph.D., an Asgrow Plant Breeder. By agreement between employee and Asgrow Seed Company, all rights to any invention, discovery, or development made by an employee are assigned to the Company. No rights to such invention, discovery, or development are retained by the employee.

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